

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:450
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PAK ASSURANCE TO MILITANTS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pak President has assured Kashmiri militants of his help as reported in the Dainik Jagran dated June,8, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) It was reported in the press that Pakistani President met Hurriyat leaders from PoK and assured Pakistan's diplomatic and moral support for the 'cause of Kashmir'.

(b) & (c) Such statements are a part of Pakistan's futile efforts to justify its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and in other parts of India.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. Government are firm in their resolve to take all necessary measures to defeat Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism and preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.